

The Wheeler Word



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Term 4 Wk 8

Thurs 30 November 2017

Carol Night – tonight Thursday 30 November 5-7pm

Please see the flyer on the following page about Carol Night. Our school choirs and Jazz band will be playing and each grade will be singing a Christmas carol. Our wonderful P&C will be providing a free sausage sizzle for all and drinks will be available for purchase on the night.

Year 4 Camp to Milson Island

Yesterday over 80 students returned from their three days away at Milson Island. The staff who attended, Mrs Wright, Mr Jones, Mrs Radom, Mrs Richards and Mrs Downs, remarked on how well behaved our students were and how enthusiastically they took part in all activities.

As I often mention in the newsletter after a camp; you all know how tiring and challenging a two hour birthday party or event at home with 10 friends can be. Imagine 80 children for over 50 hours...travelling, eating, sleeping, washing, etc..... The staff give up their time away from their own families and loved ones to ensure that your children are safe and are having a special unique camp. It was lovely to see some children and parents sincerely thanking their teachers for their extra commitment over the past three days.



Staffing 2018

Each year there are a number of staff changes and this year is no exception. Unfortunately we say farewell from Wheeler Hts to a number of outstanding staff.

Liz Armstrong has been successful at merit selection for the Deputy Principal position at Seaforth PS. Mrs Armstrong has been at Wheeler Hts for five years and has done a wonderful job coordinating the day to day running of the school. She has led Staff Professional Development, Gifted and Talented programs and the Learning Support program. Mrs Armstrong has made an amazing contribution to our school and helped to raise the Literacy and Numeracy levels throughout the school.

Jessica Richards

Mrs Richards has been at Wheeler Hts PS for four years and has been a wonderful teacher of Stage 2, encouraging all her students to strive for their personal best. Mrs Richards has also coordinated many school events and activities including school athletic, swimming and cross country carnivals, PSSA T Ball (winning the competition), dance and environmental activities. Mrs Richards has accepted a position at SCEGGS Redlands and will commence there in 2018.

Tyson Blanshard

Mr Blanshard has accepted an Assistant Principal position at Coffs Harbour PS for 2018. Mr Blanshard has been an outstanding teacher of Stage 3 and a leader in the field of Sport, Technology and Student Welfare. Mr Blanshard has recently married and had a young daughter and is moving closer to family up north. Mr Blanshard's friendly and caring manner both in and out of the classroom and school will be greatly missed by all.

Recently one of our long serving teachers of our school retired. **Mrs Alfreda White** worked at Wheeler Hts for over 12 years and is an outstanding classroom teacher, mainly of the senior grades. Mrs White is a very talented and dedicated educator who made a significant impact on the lives of many students. When ex-students visit our school they regularly ask about Mrs White and reminisce about when they were in her class.

These teachers will be greatly missed by the entire school community at Wheeler Hts and we wish them well in their future retirement, careers or endeavours. On the positive side we are very pleased to report the following.

COMING EVENTS

Thurs 30 Nov
Yr 6 Wheeler Wonderland (Pedlar's Parade)

Carol Night 5-7pm

Fri 1 Dec Final PSSA catch up

Mon 4 Dec Yrs 3-6 Super Hoot Morning Tea

Band Concert Evening

Tues 5 Dec Year 6 High School O Day at local high schools

Wed 6 Dec Yr 1 & 2 Drama performance 2.15pm

Thurs 7 Dec 9.30am Presentation Day K-2

Fri 8 Dec 9.30am Presentation Day Yrs 3-6

Mon 11 Dec 2pm Yrs 3-6 Sports Assembly

School Reports handed out today

Tues 12 Dec 5.45pm Yr 6 Farewell Dinner

Wed 13 Dec Kindergarten Drama performance 2.15pm

WHPS Short Film Festival viewing at lunchtime

Thurs 14 Dec Yrs 3-6 Class Picnics

Fri 15 Dec K-2 Picnics

2pm Year 6 Graduation Assembly & 2.45pm Clap Out

Last day for all Students

2018 Dates

Sat 27 Jan Uniform Shop open 9 -11am

Mon 29 Jan Staff return

Tues 30 Jan Yrs 1-6 start and Kindy Best Start assessments begin

Wed Jan 31 & Thurs 1 Dec Best Start continues for Kindy

Fri 2 Feb Kindergarten students commence.

Mon 12 Feb P&C Meeting 7pm

Tues 27 Feb School Swimming Carnival at Manly Pool

Deanne Earl

We have recently been advised that Miss Earl has been appointed as a permanent teacher at our school. Miss Earl has worked at Wheeler Hts for four years as a temporary teacher and done an incredible job teaching Year 2 and being thoroughly involved in the life of our school. Congratulations Miss Earl.

Holly Miller

We can also announce that Mrs Miller will return in 2018 after her maternity leave. Mrs Miller is an outstanding classroom teacher and an expert sports coach who is excited to be returning to Wheeler Hts.

We will certainly broadcast any other staff changes and appointments as they become known.

Super Hoot Morning Teas

Yesterday was the K-2 Super Hoot morning tea and next Monday will be the Year 3-6 event. Congratulations to all the students who attended as a reward for their excellent behaviour throughout this semester.

School Reports

Please be advised that school reports will be distributed on Monday 11 December. Reports will be sent home with each child.

School Text Books, Exercise Books and Stationery Lists

These lists will soon be available so that parents can purchase their exercise and text books online ready for 2018. A list of stationery requirements will again be published in the newsletter so that all necessary school resources can be purchased over the Christmas period for next year.

Presentation Day awards and letters

Letters are being sent home to inform parents of the children who will be receiving a special award at the K-2 or Year 3-6 Presentation Days and also for the Year 3-6 Sports Assembly. We do try to keep some element of surprise in this process so if possible please try to maintain some suspense.

We also endeavour to inform both parents (if family arrangements dictate this) and we certainly ask for your assistance in this area if possible.

At the Year 3-6 Presentation Day we also announce the new school captains, vice captains and prefects.

Please be sure to keep an eye on the end of year dates (listed on the right of the previous page) which will be updated as events are added or amended.

David Scotter
Principal



Year 2 Swimming and Water Safety Program

Year 2 students are currently participating in a ten day swimming program at the Andrew Charlton Swim Centre at Manly. The Swimming and Water Safety Program is supported by the Department of Education and equips students with water safety and survival skills.

On the first day students were assessed and placed into four groups depending on their swimming ability. Each day the students work through a series of activities to develop their water safety skills and improve their swimming technique. At the completion of the program each student will receive a certificate outlining their water safety skills and swimming capabilities.

The students have thoroughly enjoyed the program and it has helped to develop their water confidence, water survival and swimming skills. All Year 2 students are to be commended for their model behaviour at the pool.

Some comments from the students:

I have gotten better at side breathing when I do freestyle. (Riley T)

The best thing about going swimming is that you get to learn how to swim properly. (Isaac P)

The swimming teachers have helped me become extraordinary at swimming. (Angus W)

I have learnt what to do if I get stuck in a rip. (Ollie G)

Miss Earl Year 2 Classroom Teacher



SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

On Friday 24 November, 45 students from various creative arts groups in Years 1 and 3 - 6 attended Schools Spectacular at Qudos Bank Arena in Homebush. It truly was a spectacular day, from watching the marching band whilst having lunch to seeing the incredibly talented dancers, singers, musicians and acrobats from public schools across the state. Ms Higgs and I were very proud of all our students for their excellent behaviour and for following the Wheeler Way. Thank you to our parent volunteers for helping us as well. We're already looking forward to next year's show!

Mrs Richards and Ms Higgs



MILSON ISLAND CAMP

Year 4's Magnificent Camp on Milson Island

From Monday to Wednesday of this week our Year 4's headed off to Milson Island for their first camp. Some students' stories of their trip are included below. The children were challenged through exciting activities and responsibilities. Year 4 students are to be congratulated on their incredible behaviour and manners. The staff of Milson Island were extremely impressed by our students who were wonderful representatives of our school. A massive thank you to Mrs Radom, Mr Jones, Mrs Richards and Mrs Downs for making the camp such a sensational experience for the children and for taking time out of their own lives to attend.

Mrs Priscilla Wright
Assistant Principal (Relieving) Stage 2



This week Year 4 went to Milson Island for a three day camp. All the grade was split into different lodges and groups. Each group got the amazing chance to cook and serve food and challenge themselves with lots of fun and adventurous activities. All the activities were specifically designed for us to challenge ourselves to the limit. One challenge activity that comes to mind is the big swing. Every student felt proud knowing that they made a massive achievement of going high in the sky. There is also the bushwalk where we learnt a lot about the island and we got to cook damper at the end. There were lots of water activities too. These included raft building, canoeing and free time in the pool. These are just some of the many amazing things we got to enjoy at Milson Island this year. We would like to thank the teachers and the staff at Milson Island for such a fun camp.

Jayden K and Thomas M R

At Milson Island they have great games and there is always room for fun. The giant swing is scary at first but a great experience for all. Even the teachers couldn't contain themselves from having a go. I think that Milson Island has the best experience for all kids and teachers. I highly recommend Milson Island to everyone because they can enjoy themselves by having great fun and challenges in all the games and activities.

Monique W



On the first day when we all got off the ferry we went and checked everything out. Then we had to do a swim test to make sure we would be safe in the water. After that we had lunch, it was so good. They also had food for vegans, people who are gluten free or dairy free etc. Then we went down to our lodges. We all had at least one friend in our room. We went out to our first activity next, some were the big swing (which is 10m high), archery or canoeing. When we all came back we went to our lodges and got ready for dinner. Dinner was delicious! Surprisingly we got to have dessert too and we ate that outside. Next it was game night and we played some really fun games and then went to bed. I think everyone was a bit nervous but we finally went to sleep.

Shanti G

MILSON ISLAND CAMP FUN



WHEELER WONDERLAND

Wheeler Wonderland was a great success. All students thoroughly enjoyed the variety of games, activities and tasty treats.
Congratulations to all Year 6 students for your hard work in organising the day.
Special thanks to the Year 6 teachers for their assistance.



TALENT SHOW

Wheeler Heights Has Got Talent Final Show!

The final show will be performed in Week 9, Friday 8 December at 2pm in the Hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

DECEMBER DATES

December @ WHPS

What's on...

Week 9:

- Mon 4 Dec Yrs 3-6 Super Hoot Morning Tea & Band Concert Evening
- Tues 5 Dec Year 6 High School Orientation Day at local high schools
- Wed 6 Dec @ 2.15 Yr 1 & 2 Drama performance
- Thurs 7 Dec @ 9.30am Presentation Day K-2
- Fri 8 Dec @ 9.30am Presentation Day Yrs 3-6 & 2pm Talent Quest Final

Week 10:

- Mon 11 Dec @ 2pm Yrs 3-6 Sports Assembly
- Tues 12 Dec @ 5.45pm Yr 6 Farewell Dinner
- Wed 13 Dec @ 2.15 Kindergarten Drama performance. WHPS Short Film Festival viewing
- Thurs 14 Dec Yrs 3-6 Class Picnics
- Fri 15 Dec K-2 Picnics & 2pm Year 6 Graduation Assembly & 2.45pm Clap Out— Last day for all Students

Enjoy the ride!

LIBRARY NEWS

ATTENTION ALL BORROWED BOOKS!!!

Please come back to our school Library tomorrow!!

Tracey Mavromatis
Librarian



SRC NEWS

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The SRC's last initiative for the year will be to promote a Christmas Collection for the Salvation Army. It starts this Friday (1 Dec) and finishes next Friday (8 Dec). Each class teacher has a list of suggested items suitable for donation (please see list below). Any toys etc are not to be wrapped. Please place any items under the Christmas tree in the office foyer. As time is flying by, the collection will be strictly one week only. We believe it is important to think of others during the festive season and hope you can support the Salvation Army give families in need, a Merry Christmas.

Tracey Mavromatis
SRC Coordinator

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal – Donation Ideas...

Tinned foods (Ring-pull tins preferred)

Fruits in juice
Vegetables
Soups
Meats or fish
Meals (e.g. baked beans, spaghetti)

Meal bases

Pasta and pasta sauces
Rice
Curry and stir-fry sauces
Meal kits (e.g. Mexican)

Other

Cereals
Spreads
Savoury biscuits
Sugar
Tea, coffee, hot chocolate
Long-life milk or juices

Christmas extras

Puddings, cakes, mince pies
Long-life cream, custard
Snacks (e.g. biscuits, chips, chocolates, lollies)
Table décor (e.g. bonbons, decorations, table cloths, napkins, disposable plates, disposable cutlery)

Additional grocery items

Personal toiletries (e.g. soap, shampoo, toothpaste, hairbrushes, toilet paper)
Cleaning products (e.g. multipurpose cleaner, dish detergent, washing powder)
Baby care products (e.g. nappies, baby wipes)

Activities

Books
Puzzles and board games
Lego, Meccano, Mega Bloks
Art and craft packs or items, stationery, photo albums
Science kits
Toy cars
Nursery toys
Dolls and action figures



PSSA SUMMER/SPRING COMPETITION

This is our last round of PSSA for the year! Last week we played some tough games against Newport with some mixed results. This week we will be playing our last wet weather make-up game against Narrabeen Lakes.

<i>SCHOOLS:</i>	<i>WHPS</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>NEWPORT</i>	<i>Week 7 Term 4</i>
<i>SPORT</i>			<i>SCORE</i>	<i>WIN/DRAW/LOSS</i>
Jnr Boys Cricket			89-111	LOSS
Snr Boys Cricket			80-77	WIN
Jnr Girls Cricket			71-103	LOSS
Snr Girls Cricket			75-96	LOSS
Snr Boys Softball			1-6	LOSS
Snr Girls Softball			2-6	LOSS
Jnr Boys TBall			9-7	WIN
Jnr Girls TBall			17-7	WIN
Jnr Boys Tag			3-4	LOSS
Snr Boys Tag			5-5	DRAW
Jnr Girls Tag			0-15	LOSS
Snr Girls Tag			8-2	WIN

Round 6 vs Narrabeen Lakes

Boys Cricket – Griffith Park Collaroy
Girls Cricket – North Narrabeen Reserve
Tag - NNPS
Softball - Rat Park 3
T-Ball - Rat Park 4

Parents can you please make sure that your children attend training sessions. It is important for teams to have all their players at training sessions. Please contact coaches if you are unsure of training days and times and if you are unable to attend training or games.

Just a reminder to all parents who take their children home early from the PSSA games, please make sure you have told the coach at the venue. This means that your child has been officially signed out of school for the day and should not come back into the school grounds.

Please ensure your Primary Parent Planner App is updated for your child's PSSA sport so you can keep up to date with information.

Good luck to all our teams this week.

SPORTS NEWS

Over the year we have achieved some great results in both summer and winter sports and in other areas like swimming, cross country & athletics. We are extremely proud of all our sport players, swimmers and athletes who have represented WHPS with great sportsmanship. On Monday 11 December we will be holding our Sports Presentation Assembly for 2017, where our MVP's, Age Champions and Winning Houses will be announced. Notes will be coming home to award recipients this week and all parents are welcome to attend. I want to take this opportunity to thank all our amazing coaches, parents and support staff who give up many hours to coach and support our students in all sports. We truly appreciate all your time and efforts.

Yours in sport,

Mrs N Young
PSSA Coordinator

BAND NEWS

MUSICALE MADNESS!

On Wednesday 15 November the Training Band held its annual "Musicale" event. This wonderful afternoon featured an exciting array of solo performers and duets as well as some fantastic full band pieces. Well done to Shauna, Anthony, the Training Band and all its budding solo performers for a great night!

Then, on Thursday 16 November, Musicale performances were also held for both the Senior and Intermediate Bands, in one joint extravaganza. Once again the quality of the performances of both the bands, soloists, duets and small groups were simply stunning. Again, congratulations to Shauna, Anthony and the Bands for a great afternoon of music.

Huge accolades go to all bands and musicians who participated in last week's Musicale events. The quality of the performances of the bands and the incredible solo performers were all amazing. To all who played at Musicale last week, please give yourselves a big pat on the back and remember that confidence grows with experience.

Special thanks also go out to all those enthusiastic supporters who attended these events. The "high voltage" encouragement of all who lent their applause will go a long way to providing our budding performers with another important shot of self-belief.

JAZZ BAND @ HELPERS MORNING TEA

The Jazz Band nailed it, again. What a hardworking band! Actually it's now officially the hardest working primary school jazz band in show-business!

In a crowded few weeks, the Jazz Band performed at the WHPS Helpers' Breakfast! This was an event hosted by the school at which the school said thank you to all those wonderful volunteers who keep on giving. On all accounts the band's performance at this breakfast set the mood for a good vibe all round.

SLIP, SLOP, SLIDE FAMILY FUN DAY – THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

Back again, due to popular demand, is our annual social get together for Band families at the Manly Waterworks. This event is scheduled to take place on **Thursday 7 December** - we're sliding between 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

This is a great fun afternoon for the kids, with the parents able to have a snack and a chat while the kids slide. Please note that the event is for Band Members and siblings only. It is also required that a parent **MUST** remain at the venue to supervise their children for the entire time.

The cost for sliding is \$20 per child - pay directly to the Waterworks on the night. If you haven't done so already, [click here to RSVP](#) by **Monday 4 December**.

END OF YEAR BAND CONCERT- MONDAY 4 DECEMBER

From 6pm - All Bands - This is the WHPS Bands' "night of nights", at which all bands will perform in a concert to family members, friends, relatives and anyone else who is interested in coming along. Entry is free. This production is the celebration and acknowledgement of a hard years work of the volunteers, conductors and band children. Fun is guaranteed!

CONGRATULATIONS.....

Congratulations to Emily G who passed her Grade 2 Saxophone exam, very well done indeed, this is a brilliant achievement!

Congratulations to Frances G for passing her Grade 4 Saxophone exam, what a fantastic achievement!

Please let us know when your child achieves a Grade as we always like to publish this in our newsletter.

PARENTS – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

There are still lots of other positions vacant and we'd really like to see more parents getting involved in our band program for 2018. Please contact Louise or Anthony if you're interested to find out how you can help out!

Please let us know if you have a couple of hours a month to spare to help. It's an invaluable tool for all our Band family!

REHEARSALS

Rehearsals for 2017 will conclude as follows:

- **Last Training Band rehearsal: Wednesday 6 December.**
- **Last Intermediate Band rehearsal: Tuesday 5 December.**
- **Last Senior Band rehearsal: Tuesday 5 December. Note the last Senior Band performance is on 8 December (Presentation Day Yrs 3-6 @ 9.30am)**
- **Last Jazz Band rehearsal: Thursday 30 November**

TUTORS FOR 2018

Now's the time to have a chat with your child's instrument tutor to lock in times for 2018. Remember, Training Band Members will move into Intermediate Band time slots (Tuesdays 8.15am-9.00am and Thursdays 3.15pm-4.15pm), and Intermediate Band members will move to Senior Band time slots (Tuesdays 7.30-8.15am and Thursdays 4.15-5.15pm). In 2018, Prelim Band will become the Training Band and rehearse Mondays 8.00-9.00am (arrive 7.50am) and Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm.

(BAND NEWS continued..)

[Click here](#) for a list of band tutors. We are aiming to keep all current onsite tutors for 2018.

OUTSTANDING BAND ACCOUNTS

We have just a few outstanding band accounts. Could you please ensure these are promptly addressed, or if you have any queries, please contact accounts@whpsband.com.au

HIRED INSTRUMENTS OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

This year, the Committee have agreed that, if you hired an instrument, you can keep that instrument over the summer holidays so you can get some extra practice in! Please remember to continue to maintain and look after the instrument, and don't take it on holidays with you as to avoid the risk of damage or unnecessary wear and tear.

If you believe your hired instrument requires repairs to be performed please let us know **before 8 December** by notifying instruments@whpsband.com.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 30 November Assembly performance @ 2.30pm (Intermediate Band)
- 30 November Carols Night (Jazz Band and Carol Performers)
- 4 December End of Year Band Concert (All Bands, from 6pm)
- 7 December K-2 Presentation assembly (Training band)
- 8 December 3-6 Presentation Assembly (Senior Band)

For more info on the WHPS Band go to: www.whpsband.com.au

Warning: Please check your e-mail before all performances. The "Band Event Reminder" will provide updates on all band event details. As circumstances change, dates and times may also change.

COMMUNITY NEWS



THE NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS MILLENNIUM MARCHING BAND
The MMB is a dynamic group full of energy and drive with a focus on fun and entertainment. It is a unique opportunity for students from Year 7 to Year 12 (Year 6 in Term 4) to make new friends and perform both nationally and internationally.
Rehearsals are one weekend a month at Cumberland High School, Carlingford.

Do you like music and performing?

- Do you want to be part of a great team and make friends from around NSW?
- Are you looking for something more than a concert band?
- Would you like to perform at events like the Sydney ANZAC Day March, NRL and Rugby Union Games, Arena Spectaculars such as Southern Stars and the Schools Spectacular, Olympic Welcome Home Parades and on tours nationally and internationally?

Then the NSWPS Millennium Marching Band is for you!

Read about us and apply online at
The Arts Unit website:
artsunit.nsw.edu.au > Music > Music Ensembles



For more information email Katrina Andrus,
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SIDE BY SIDE: BRINGING FUN BACK TO FAMILY!



Do you feel you have run out of answers for parenting your child?

Do you feel stressed and overwhelmed?

The Health Psychology Unit, UTS, which is located at Greenwich, is offering a **free** treatment research program for families who have children with behavioural problems.

Clinical psychologists from the Unit offer up to 16 sessions for families of children aged 7 - 14 years.

For more information:



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1st Narrabeen Scout Group



Christmas Tree Sale

*Anzac Reserve, end of Kent Street, COLLAROY
PLUS Bunnings Narrabeen (Saturday only)*

- Saturday 9th December 2017
- Sunday 10th December 2017 (*unless sold out*)
- 8am - 3:30pm



From \$55
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